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SUSPENDED DRIVE AXLE AND AGRICULTURAL TRACTOR WITH SAME Title:

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Enclosed are:

- (X) Request for Continuation Application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b).
- (X) Preliminary Amendment
- (X) A copy of the Application (from parent).
- (X) 15 sheet(s) of formal drawings.
- (X) A Disclosure Statement.
- (X) Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by the inventors (copy from parent application).

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Sir:

Pursuant to 35 CFR section 1.53(b)(1), attorney for the applicants hereby request that a Continuation Application be initiated for application serial number 09/802,666. The parent application will not be abandoned.

A copy of the original specification, a copy of the executed declaration, as filed in the parent application, and a preliminary amendment are included herewith.

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